HERSETH SANDLIN INVITES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Washington, DC-Today, Rep. Herseth Sandlin invited all South Dakota High School Students, including those in public, private, tribal and alternative schools or educational cooperatives, to participate in the annual Congressional Art Competition. The Congressional Art Competition is a national competition organized by Congress in partnership with state organizations including the South Dakota Arts Council and South Dakotans for the Arts/South Dakota Alliance for Arts Education.

"It is my great pleasure to invite all South Dakota high school students to take part in this annual competition," Rep. Herseth Sandlin said. "I am proud to sponsor this esteemed competition, and I hope our talented students from across the state will participate."

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982, providing members of Congress with an opportunity to recognize talent in their home districts. Since 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated in the competition.

Among the submissions, the first place winning entry will be displayed in the United States Capitol Complex for one year and invited to a Congressional Reception to be held on June 17th, 2010 in Washington, DC to unveil their works. The second place winning entry will be displayed in Rep. Herseth Sandlin's Washington, DC office.

The deadline for a high-resolution JPEG picture of the artwork along with a PDF of the student application form to be received by the South Dakota Arts Council is April 16, 2010. To receive guidelines and entry form please visit Rep. Herseth Sandlin's website or by going to www.sdarts.org . If

you have further questions, please contact Rebecca DallaGrana via e-mail at Rebecca.DallaGrana@state.sd.us

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